

Agenda – Plenary

Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 8 January 2025

Meeting time: 13.30

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This meeting will be held in a hybrid format, with some Members in the Senedd Chamber and others joining by video-conference.

1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales (45 mins)

The Presiding Officer will call party spokespeople to ask questions without notice to the Cabinet Secretary after Question 2.

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2 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip (45 mins)

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3 Questions to the Senedd Commission (10 mins)

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4 Topical Questions (0 mins)

No topical questions were accepted



5 90 Second Statements

(5 mins)

6 Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal – A Bill on the right to adequate housing

(30 mins)

NDM8712 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes a proposal for a Bill on the incorporation of the right to adequate housing, as set out in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, into Welsh law.

2. Notes that the purpose of this Bill would be to:

a) establish the right to adequate housing as a fundamental right in Welsh law, ensuring access to safe, secure, and affordable housing for all;

b) place a duty on Welsh Ministers and public authorities to progressively realise the right to adequate housing;

c) require regular assessments of housing needs and conditions, with targets set to reduce unmet housing needs and improve conditions over time;

d) strengthen tenant protections and support fair rental practices to ensure housing stability; and

e) establish mechanisms for individuals to seek redress if their right to adequate housing is violated or unmet.

Co-submitters

[Mabon ap Gwynfor \(Dwyfor Meirionnydd\)](#)

7 Debate on a Member's Legislative Proposal – A Bill on pet abduction

(30 mins)

NDM8723 [Carolyn Thomas \(North Wales\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes a proposal for a pet abduction Bill.
2. Notes that the purpose of the Bill would be to:
 - a) make the abduction of a pet a specific criminal offence in Wales;
 - b) recognise that cats and dogs are not inanimate objects but sentient beings capable of experiencing distress and other emotional trauma;
 - c) recognise the significant and unique distress caused to an owner when a pet is stolen; and
 - d) bring Wales in line with legislation in England.

8 Member Debate under Standing Order 11.21(iv) – Establishment of a school of dentistry in Bangor

(60 mins)

NDM8664 [Sian Gwenllian \(Arfon\)](#)

To propose that the Senedd:

1. Notes:
 - a) the significant shortage of NHS dental services in north Wales, particularly in Arfon with only 36.6 per cent of the population able to receive treatment through the NHS, which is the lowest gambit in Wales; and,
 - b) the publication of "Filling the Gap", a report commissioned by Sian Gwenllian MS, which makes the case for establishing a school of dentistry in Bangor.
2. Believes:
 - a) that dental services in north Wales are in a state of emergency;
 - b) there is a severe shortage of NHS dentists in Arfon, leaving many patients, including children and vulnerable people, without proper access to basic dental care;
 - c) that the emergency departments of local hospitals are under additional pressure due to the lack of access to dentists, resulting in additional costs and waiting times;
 - d) that more dental training is needed;

- e) that a significant number of students wishing to study dentistry are forced to leave Wales due to a lack of capacity in dental schools;
- f) that a new school of dentistry in Bangor could play a key role in training more dentists locally, offering a better chance of retaining the dental workforce in the region and providing essential services locally;
- g) that the establishment of a school of dentistry in Bangor would provide quality new jobs and attract investment to the local economy, and boost Bangor as a centre of excellence in health, alongside the new medical school; and,
- h) the school of dentistry could augment the provision of Welsh and bilingual dental services, improving access to health care for local Welsh-speaking communities.

3. Calls on the Welsh Government to:

- a) consider the economic and public health case for establishing a school of dentistry in Bangor based on the key findings presented in the Fill the Gap report;
- b) ensure collaboration between the Welsh Government, Bangor University, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, and other relevant organisations to develop a feasibility plan for the establishment of the school of dentistry; and
- c) invest strategically to establish the school of dentistry as part of wider efforts to improve access to health services in the region and to address the ongoing crisis regarding dental provision in Wales.

Co-submitters

[Llyr Gruffydd \(North Wales\)](#)

[Sam Rowlands \(North Wales\)](#)

Supporters

[Darren Millar \(Clwyd West\)](#)

[Mabon ap Gwynfor \(Dwyfor Meirionnydd\)](#)

[Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)

[Rhys ab Owen \(South Wales Central\)](#)

9 Voting Time

10 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM8767 [Vaughan Gething \(Cardiff South and Penarth\)](#)

The case for leaseholder reform in Wales

The Senedd will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 14 January 2025

Agenda Item 1

Oral Questions tabled on 18/12/2024 for answer on 08/01/2025

The Presiding Officer will call party spokespeople to ask questions without notice after Question 2.

CABINET SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT AND NORTH WALES

Jenny Rathbone *Cardiff Central*

1 OQ62054 (e)

What funding is the Welsh Government targeting at community groups wanting to develop active travel routes to school?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

2 OQ62071 (e)

How are the Welsh Government's active travel policies supporting rural communities?

Rhianon Passmore *Islwyn*

3 OQ62060 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on bus and rail investment in Islwyn?

Mike Hedges *Swansea East*

4 OQ62048 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on traffic flow on the M4 between Junction 43 and Junction 38?

Lesley Griffiths *Wrexham*

5 OQ62057 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the North Wales Metro?

Carolyn Thomas *North Wales*

6 OQ62061 (e)

How is the Cabinet Secretary working to deliver the First Minister's priority of fixing roads and pavements?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

7 OQ62073 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the closure of Holyhead port?

Heledd Fychan *South Wales Central*

8 OQ62046 (w)

How is the Welsh Government ensuring that public transport is accessible to all in South Wales Central?

Sioned Williams *South Wales West*

9 OQ62053 (w)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on transport provision for learners?

Peredur Owen Griffiths *South Wales East*

10 OQ62078 (e)

How is the Government ensuring that public transport is reliable for commuters in South Wales East?

Mick Antoniw *Pontypridd*

11 OQ62056 (e)

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with the UK Government regarding HS2 consequential funding for Wales?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

12 OQ62050 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the Welsh Government's active travel guidance?

CABINET SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, TREFNYDD AND CHIEF WHIP

Lesley Griffiths *Wrexham*

1 OQ62058 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the devolution of youth justice?

John Griffiths *Newport East*

2 OQ62077 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the Welsh Government's work with local authorities on the provision of gypsy and traveller sites?

Janet Finch-Saunders *Aberconwy*

3 OQ62074 (e)

What plans does the Welsh Government have to improve digital inclusion in rural communities?

Rhys ab Owen *South Wales Central*

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OQ62066 (e)

What steps is the Cabinet Secretary taking to ensure that there will not be an increase in fuel poverty in Wales in 2025?

Julie Morgan *Cardiff North*

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OQ62059 (e)

How does the Welsh Government support voluntary organisations that tackle loneliness and isolation?

Laura Anne Jones *South Wales East*

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OQ62055 (e) *Withdrawn*

What discussions has the Cabinet Secretary had with the UK Government Secretary of State for Justice about introducing a women's prison in Wales?

Mark Isherwood *North Wales*

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OQ62052 (e)

How is the Welsh Government protecting the key services provided by charities and third-sector bodies?

Sam Rowlands *North Wales*

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OQ62064 (e)

What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the financial viability of the voluntary sector in Wales?

Hannah Blythyn *Delyn*

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OQ62069 (e)

Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the Welsh Government's Programme for Government commitments on LGBTQ+ equality?

Russell George *Montgomeryshire*

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OQ62070 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting the voluntary sector in Montgomeryshire?

Buffy Williams *Rhondda*

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OQ62075 (e)

How will the Welsh Government's draft budget help reduce child poverty?

Tom Giffard *South Wales West*

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OQ62068 (e)

How is the Welsh Government supporting residents across South Wales West with cost-of-living pressures?

SENEDD COMMISSION

Laura Anne Jones *South Wales East*

1

OQ62076 (e) *Withdrawn*

What action is the Commission taking to improve the quality of Senedd.tv?

Heledd Fychan *South Wales Central*

2

OQ62047 (w)

What assessment has the Commission made of the effect of the increase in coach hire costs on the number of schools visiting the Senedd?